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Idaho Fruit Estimates for 2007

Idaho's 2007 apple production totaled 45.0 million pounds, down 15 million pounds from 2006, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. This is the smallest apple crop in Idaho since 1968. Several freezes in early April 2007 reduced production potential for Idaho's orchards. Peach production totaled 7,000 tons, down 2,000 tons from 2006. Sweet cherry production was 1,500 tons, down 61 percent from 2006's 3,800 tons. Prune and plum production in 2007 was 1,800 tons, down 200 tons from 2006.

Nationally, apple production totaled 9.34 billion pounds, down 5 percent from 2006. Washington leads the nation's apple production, accounting for 58 percent of the 2007 apple crop. Utilized production, at 9.30 billion pounds, is down 5 percent from last year. Peach production totaled 1.11 million tons, up 10 percent from 2006. Utilized peach production, at 1.10 million tons, is up 12 percent from last year. Sweet cherry production increased 10 percent from a year ago to 323,670 tons. Utilized sweet cherry production is up 11 percent from a year ago to 319,190 tons. Prune and plum production in Idaho, Oregon, Michigan, and Washington totaled 11,900 tons, down 45 percent from 2006. Utilized production totaled 10,720 tons, down 44 percent from last year.

